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Local and General.

See Bailey for furniture.

If you want to buy a home or town lots see Bailey.

Aunger & Shute, dental parlors, upstairs over Morris & Taylor's hardware store.

Now is the time to make your homes pleasant. See Bailey for the furniture.

Have you secured your seats for "No Mother to Guide Her"? If not, why not?

I have a fine short horn bull for sale. He would make good herd bull or ox.—Bailey.

For Sale Cheap.—One large tent, almost new, size 12x16 ft., 12 oz. duck.—Mrs. D. M. Horne.

D. C. Goulay and family left Sunday for the coast in the hope of benefitting Mrs. Goulay's health.

Pennington farm, adjoining Blackfalds, for sale or for rent. For terms, apply to James McNicol, Blackfalds.

A meeting of the electors is called for April 20, from ten o'clock till noon, to be held in the town hall, for the purpose of nominating a candidate to fill vacancy on Nelson school board occasioned by the resignation of D. M. Horne, who is removing to Chicago.

Boode Brothers & Collins are again in charge of the Royal Hotel, Lacombe, the deal being put through the latter part of last week. These gentlemen will be pleased to see their old customers back again and will extend just as hearty a welcome to the new ones.

The Methodist Ladies Aid will hold an Easter bazaar in a room in the Russel Block on Saturday afternoon and evening, April 18, consisting of fancy work, children's dresses and underwear, all kinds of cakes, pies, etc. Tea, coffee, cake and ice cream will be served.

Services in St. Cyprian's church, Holy week and Easter, Wednesday April 15th, 8 p.m., Preparation for Holy Communion; Good Friday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Easter Day, Holy Communion, 8 and 11 a.m.; Children's Services, 2:30 and Evening Prayer, 7. The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd at 8 p.m., in the church.

For Private Sale. 1 sectional bookcase, 1 quartered oak extension dining table, centre tables, dining chairs, 2 kitchen tables, 1 kitchen stove, 1 coal oil stove, 1 good camp stove, 1 large bath tub, enamel bedsteads, bureaus, washstands, toilet-set, curtains, 1 lady's bicycle, linoleums, blinds, kitchen granite ware and water barrels and many other useful articles.—Mrs. D. M. Horne.

An opportunity will soon be given local theatre goers to witness the big laugh producing hit of the season, "No Mother to Guide Her" written by Lillian Morimer, that popular actress. The part of "Bunco" is in the hands of Miss Jeanette Carew, who is well known all over the country as one of the most accomplished comedienne we have; and the balance of the roles are in competent hands. The scenic equipment is far beyond the ordinary. This play will be seen at Day's opera house, Lacombe, on Monday night, April 20.

Councillor Hotson Assaults the Editor

Cowardly Assault on the Editor of The Advertiser While Council Was in Session.

On last Saturday evening while town council was in session, councillor Hotson left his seat and coming to the end of the table where the Editor of The Advertiser was seated reporting the proceedings of the council, demanded in an insulting manner that the Editor retract a statement made in the paper some months ago to the effect that Hotson had mentioned the parsonage barn as an alley obstruction.

The Editor promptly, curtly and in two words refused to retract.



GEORGE WEST HOTSON
(Whose Taxes are Still Unpaid)
The Lacombe town councillor who left his seat while council was in session to commit a frenzied, dastardly and brutal assault upon the Editor of The Advertiser.

for the very good reason that The Advertiser's report was correct. Thereupon, Hotson instantly stepped behind the Editor's chair and without warning, in the most cowardly manner seized the scribe around the throat in a vice-like grip with both hands in such a manner that he could not possibly defend himself, and proceeded to strangle him, lam the floor with his victim's body, attempted to knock one of the building's supporting pillars out with his victim's head and started for the top of the stairway with the evident intention of flinging his victim

bodily down the stairs; in fact making the remark: "I'm not going to have a man who has called me a liar sit in the same room with me."

But other members of the council had by this time grasped the dastardliness of his intentions and proceeded to amputate his victim from his clutches.

When the Editor began to take stock of his remains he found his clothing considerably torn from his body, severe contusions with accompanying abrasions on the head, and numerous other bruises and abrasions on his body.

After council adjourned the Editor immediately sought a magistrate and laid information charging George W. Hotson with assault. The case came to trial at four o'clock Monday afternoon before J. P.'s McKenty and Carruthers. Hotson pleaded guilty and fine and costs were assessed amounting to \$16.25.

Here is the paragraph in full to which councillor Hotson has taken such violent exception, and which he makes the excuse for his brutal assault upon the Editor:

"A resolution was moved by councillor Hotson, seconded by Councillor Vickerson, that all streets and alleys of the town be opened and obstructions removed therefrom. In speaking to the motion councillor Hotson mentioned in particular the Methodist

parsonage stable as an alley obstruction, and without citing any case in particular said that a number of streets and alleys were fenced into pastures and the fences ought to be removed and these highways opened up."

There is not one word of untruth in that paragraph. Hotson did refer unmistakably to the parsonage stable, he admitted it in his remarks in open council last Saturday night. The mayor admitted it; no member of the council denied it. His only contention now is that he was not the first one to mention it. But even if it were granted that he was not the first one to mention it, that would not in any way affect the truthfulness of our statement that he specifically mentioned the parsonage stable. He did undeniably mention it, and it is the only alley obstruction that he did definitely locate.

Councillor Hotson assured the court that the injuries inflicted upon the Editor were entirely an accident. We wish to assure councillor Hotson that when he carries into execution his threats of further violence we will make every reasonable effort to see that the accident score is at least evened up.

By a little oversight which one would not expect in one so fair, our cotem, has neglected to state that Hotson's "frontal attack" was made from the rear.

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Prescriptions

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Remember we are occupying the premises formerly occupied by F. Fulsher, opposite Fortune's Barn, but we have placed in these premises **All New Stock.**

IMPORTED CHINAWARE

We have just unpacked a nice shipment of Chinaware from Germany. This assortment will interest you. Don't feel reticent about visiting our store and inspecting our goods, whether you buy or not.

EASTER CARDS—Only a few left. Call soon and make your selection.

The Skinner Drug Company

Drugs and Stationery, Lacombe.

Don't forget our store is in the Russel Block, opposite Fortune's Barn. We will be pleased to have you call whether you purchase or not.

Little Gifts for Easter tide

Easter giving is usually confined to little things, some thing new, novel, useful if you like, but comparatively simple and inexpensive.

The Easter gift forms an ideal expression of kindly remembrance or may serve as a timely and graceful acknowledgment of some past favor.

Our stock contains a great many little things especially selected with a view to the Easter Season, suitable for either lady or gentleman, and that will make only a very modest call upon your pocket-book.

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and Watchmaker.

Barnett Ave. Lacombe

"Sign of the Gold Clock"

Comic Opera

WORTH JUST \$40. GOLD

When the priest appeared the women crowded around him. One said she wanted her baby named *Enriqueta Santa*; another, *Marie de Jesus*; a third *Gloria Benedicta*, and so on.

But the priest had no idea of taking all that trouble for mere pennants. He put the boys' babies on one side and the girl babies on the other. Then he sold the required prayers, walked down the aisle, and sprinkled holy water over all the children.

As he passed the boys he said briefly, "Everybody's Peter," and as he passed the girls, "Everybody's Mary."

Articles of clothing. It looks fancy, too. A man walking along the street with "U.S.A. No. 38312" stenciled on the seat of his trousers. But you soon get used to it in Colombia. When I lived at San Jose, mail bag trousers were commonly sold in the stores for \$15 a pair, paper money, which was equal, at that time, to less than ten cents in American currency.

Soldiers, as well as civilians, are always at times toting things thoughtlessly in the coat-of-plumage of other nations.

I saw a review of some Government troops at Cali once. The multi-colored general, like Kitchener's coat at Avea, was "gorgeous to behold." The uniform consisted of an American infantry's blue helmet, German black

CARELESS WHETHER
YOU BUY OR NOT

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Why is it so conspicuously absent from the literature? The answer is simple: because it is not a perfect being, where proportion was the ideal. It is a man-made thing, and the maker had no inherent sense of fitness or appropriateness. He made it as he regarded size, but proportion in color was not his concern.

Most of us know if we only stop to think about it that the chair in our living room chair should not be placed beside a window which looks out onto a landscape that is small room should not be crowded with too many chairs, and that the walls of a low-ceilinged room should have light-colored paint or five times.

Proportion in ornamentation is another important point to be considered, and one which is often overlooked. Ornamentation and how much plain surface are left for contrast. This is a difficult proposition. If it is a small box like a chest of drawers, there is a great deal of left plain for contrast than if it is a large piece of furniture. The amount of treatment of walls and ceilings is also a consideration. A wall should be treated to appear to the best advantage.

Proportion, in color, is the hardest to define and explain. It is a matter of delicate and sensitive feelings. Those who do

N the reading room of the public library in a certain city there are two shelves of books. One shelf is for the Impertinent One was curious to see what books her neighbor had. She found them all nearly empty, and she had plenty of opportunity for observation.

One shelf was filled with six books. Two of them were late novels and the other four were light romances written a few years older. But quite in the middle of the shelf, between the company he was found in, lay deep in the shadows, a book of the Impertinent One picked him reverently as he passed. He turned it over and Greek characters fell out. He turned it over for the Impertinent One and passed on.

Table No. 2 had evidently been occupied by the Impertinent One the day's work. There were literal translations of the Greek characters into English masters and an "Introduction to Plato."

But the only open book was "The Way of Zenobia" by Mrs. F. W. Brown, the author's lovely daughter, and the Impertinent One smiled all the while she turned the pages.

Two persons of widely varying tastes had been reading the book. The public were there before the story and

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Sometimes a room from H. there came H. off.
 Ro it is important to choose colors of
 green and blue, when in the right pro-
 portion, are perfect. When the colors
 often we see the two together where
 the green is too light and the blue is
 too dark, and inappropiate where the
 blue is too intense, so that there is
 no rest to the eye.
 The intensity and comprehensiveness of
 the colors should be in proportion to the
 by the furniture and hangings. It is a
 room to have a plain, dark material, and
 heavy, dark curtains and portiere.
 a room to have a light material, and if
 the room is to be furnished daintily and
 the furniture is to be of a light color,
 should be subdued.
 The room, which possesses the sense
 of proportion, combined with a
 sense of fitness and suitability.
 The room, which is a room, should have
 a feeling of rest, of comfort, which is
 the surest sign of happiness.
 DOROTHY TUCKER

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heartily eat and drink out heartily.
"I am skinned to laugh at such an exhibition, when the ex-posing fellow claims to be an exhibitioner with any sense of humor to split the cover. You will have no long complaining that you haven't observed my people. Here

If preferred a half inch casing can be cut in with a small handkerchief and then with some thread, that

Within a few days he had sold them all and paid me the money.

"But how did you manage to do it?" I asked him. "And where does your profit come in?"

As exchange mounted, and the Government notes sank in value to almost nothing, and were constantly fluctuating, people did not want to do any business. If you went into a store and wanted to buy goods, the merchant



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A TIME OF PANIC AT OTTAWA

Government Appoints Another Commissioner to Review the Work of Civil Service Commission, in Respect to One Charge Against One Department No Action Yet on the General Charges of Incompetence, Waste and Spoils System. Mr. Borden Demands a Wider Inquiry.

Ottawa, April 4.—Colonel Gourdeau, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, resigned.

J. F. Fraser, Superintendent of Lights, suspended.

A. W. Owen, Accountant Marine Department, suspended.

J. U. Gregory, Agent of the Marine Department at Quebec, suspended.

Walter Cassels, Judge of the Exchequer Court, appointed Commissioner "to investigate and report upon the statements contained in the report of the Civil Service Commission reflecting upon the integrity of the officials of the Department of Marine."

This much resulted down to Thursday evening from the report of the Royal Commission and from the panic that followed.

What Is Not Done.

But the Minister of Marine is still clinging to his office and contradicting the report of the Government organs that he intends to resign. No action has been taken on the severe reflections made by the Commission on the Militia Department. Nothing has been done about the sweeping statements of the Commission as to the corruption, waste and demoralization through all the departments of the patronage system in the purchase of goods. No announcement has been made as to what the government proposes to do about report of Commission concerning the gross evil and loss from the spoils system in the public service. Nothing is done concerning the incompetence, want of direction and general mismanagement reported by the Commission. Judge Cassels is merely asked to find out whether and how far the Commissioners were justified in the statement that "lack of conscience" prevails in the Marine Department that the only principle prevailing there is how to spend the most money possible, and that officials are serving two masters, namely, the government and the person with whom the government trades. In case the judge finds the charges true it remains to be seen whether someone else will be appointed to see if he is right, and so on until the government arrives at a white-washing report.

The New Royal Commission.

The leader of the opposition moved the adjournment to express his disapproval of the course taken by the government. Mr. Borden held that one royal commission was sufficient for the whole who almost swamped that ship inquiry. The government had established a commission, which prices. The department is still had done the work well and submitted a valuable report. Where

further investigation was required, what better persons could there be than the three able men who delved for months, with patient industry, into departmental methods, and acquired much information? No good reason was offered why these three men were sent away and a new man called in to begin at the beginning. The Premier suggested that the first commissioners were tired. The commissioners themselves did not say so. Evidently it was the Premier and not the commissioners, who was tired.

Too Narrow.

Mr. Borden also protested against the narrow scope of Judge Cassels' inquiry. The commissioners condemned more than one department. Only one is to be investigated by the judge. Charges of negligence, extravagance, incompetence, and favoritism, of bad discipline and bad direction, as well as of dishonesty, were made by the commission. Judge Cassels is asked to investigate only the charges against the honesty of the staff. The Judge will find himself headed off in the investigation, enquiry, which the government like the committee on the Arctic limited to the question whether all the supplies paid for were placed on the boat.

Mr. Brodeur Appoints His Own Judge.

Finally, it was shown that Commissioner Cassels is not a regular royal commission, selected by the whole government. The order-in-council sets forth that he is the personal appointment of Mr. Brodeur, the minister who is on trial with his staff. A person on trial who has the privilege of selecting his own judge, of defining and limiting the powers of enquiry, and of settling all the conditions of the investigation, has an excellent start. When one considers how narrow the scope of the enquiry has been made, and how carefully the position of the government has been guarded, he can understand why the Civil Service Commission has been discharged. Mr. Brodeur, on the day that the report was presented, accused the commissioners of going beyond their instructions. He is not giving them a chance to make more discoveries.

A Deathbed Repentance.

Meanwhile these facts remain. It was shown two years ago that the government was paying dishonest prices to certain contractors. This was proved in committee in spite of the efforts of the minister and his supporters, and of the contractor himself to head off evidence. Yet the government has paid, since then, a quarter of a million dollars to this same contractor without competition, on the same certificates, and by the same methods, and, doubtless, with equal profits to this middleman. It has even hired a tug boat from him at prices that enabled the owner to pay for the boat in one summer.

The department has never acknowledged the extravagance and swindles perpetrated in the matter of the Arctic, has continued to do business with the same people who almost swamped that ship inquiry. The government has still established a commission, which prices. The department is still had done the work well and submitted a valuable report. Where

exposure of the transaction about the files. It is still buying from the dealer who supplied the silver plate and cut glass for the ice-breaker Moncalm, and was obliged, after investigation was ordered to make a refund of his extra charges.

An Example from the Minister.

In these two years, in which Mr. Brodeur has had charge of the department, since these first swindles were exposed, no sign of repentance, nor reform has been given by the minister. His organization has got worse. His department has been the hunting ground for the most daring grafters and most unscrupulous middlemen. Mr. Brodeur himself has been as irregular in his accounting, and as prodigal in his expenditure as his subordinates. The men below him have had encouragement from his example of recklessness in expenditure, carelessness in method, from his obstruction of investigation, and his defence of rascals.

But it is now a time of panic and the minister must at least pretend to do something. We shall see how far the reformation will go. But the country will know that if there had been a real desire to reform some action would have been taken long ago.

Other Testimony.

The condition of the marine department was further disclosed in the public accounts committee on Wednesday by the evidence W. P. Richards, of the New York firm engaged by the government to put the marine books into shape. This man, who was paid \$75 per day, and whose firm has received \$43,000, with \$6,700 yet unpaid, swore that his work had been stopped when it was only half done, so that the whole business of setting the department right would cost \$100,000. He testified that the work done would be largely lost if it were not completed, and gave a ghastly account of the conditions which he found. There was no bookkeeping to show how the department stood at any particular time, nothing to show the cost of material or finished work at the Sorel and Prescott establishments, no safeguard of the stores in stock, while it was certain that the Government paid for articles never received and obtained goods of a lower quality than those paid for. The Parry Sound agency had no records and the official was carrying the cash in his own name. In the Prescott shops there was a lack of energy and business methods. At Sorel there was no timekeeper, no foreman in charge, and paysheets open to manipulation. At Quebec, with an expenditure of \$800,000 per annum, he found no proper record of stores, cash account and ledger neglected, methods of disbursing and receiving very crude. At St. John and Halifax, no proper stores system, new goods bought while there was plenty of stock on hand, and so on over the whole field of operations.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

An adjourned session of the town council was held on Saturday night. Mayor and all members present.

The mayor stated that essential information was still lacking for

the debenture bylaws, hence nothing could be done with them at this session.

A communication was read from the Alberta Sanitarium Association re the project of locating a sanitarium at Lacombe. The Association asked for a bonus of \$2,000 in cash, a free site of forty acres, free electricity and exemption from taxation. In return for this, if the site at Lacombe is accepted the Association would agree to erect this year a sanitarium building and equip it at a cost of from \$30,000 to \$40,000. The sanitarium to be opened as soon as completed. A communication from the Board of Trade was read favorable to accepting the proposition. On motion of Councillor Vickerson, seconded by Councillor McDermid, the proposition was referred to a special committee.

W. Crow and A. M. Campbell were present on behalf of the Agricultural Society. Mr. Crow said that he had, to his surprise, been informed by the Dominion Fair management that it would cost at least \$1,500 for Lacombe district to make an exhibit at the Fair. He also explained that the Agricultural Society would have very little more than enough money to erect buildings, etc., on the new grounds, therefore asked the council for a grant of \$1,000 towards the expense of a Dominion Fair exhibit. The council, while they would like to do everything possible for an exhibit, didn't see where the money was to come from. On motion of Councillor Vickerson, seconded by Councillor McDermid, the matter was referred to a committee to report at next meeting.

The special committee appointed to consider the sanitarium project reported, recommending that the Secretary be instructed to inform the Sanitarium Association that a bonus would be given of \$2,500, a free site, and exemption, all subject to ratification by the ratepayers. On motion of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Vickerson, the report was adopted.

In speaking to his motion Councillor Murphy called attention to the fact that this proposition would relieve the town from the hospital burden in future years and would be a better institution than the town alone could provide.

Councillor Vickerson enlarged along the same lines and considered that from the financial standpoint it would be a most excellent investment for the town.

Councillor McDermid explained the manner in which the Association would conduct the hospital department. He had investigated the matter thoroughly and was convinced that no better hospital could be provided. He also heartily seconded the statements made by Councillors Murphy and Vickerson in favor of the sanitarium project.

After full discussion the motion to adopt the committee's report carried unanimously.

At this juncture Councillor Hotson arose and said he had a matter he wanted to bring up. He said The Advertiser had accused him of lying when he denied having mentioned the parsonage barn as an alibi obstruction. He then proceeded, in flagrant violation of the rules of procedure, to calchise the members of the council one by one in regard to the matter. The mayor on being quizzed replied that it was a good while since this was up in council and he could not now say positively, but so far as he could remember he had mentioned the stable before Hotson had. Councillor Kent took the same view of it. Councillor Vickerson believed The Advertiser had reported the affair correctly to the best of his recollection, but did not think that Hotson intended it as anything against the Methodist people. Councillor Murphy said that according to the best of his recollection Hotson was

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THE CLOTHIER

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The first councillor to mention the parsonage stable; the mayor might have mentioned it before, could not say positively as it was too long ago to be certain, but that the mayor should not be taken into consideration in discussions. Councillor Browne agreed with the mayor. Councillor McDermid said he would not undertake to say positively after so long a time.

Thereupon councillor Hotson further interrupted the proceedings of the council while he committed a most brutal assault upon the person of the Editor of The Advertiser, particulars of which appear elsewhere.

After order was restored council adjourned to meet again on Tuesday evening.

Lacombe Dining Hall

The Popular Restaurant. Meals at all hours. Board by day, week or month. Good furnished rooms.

Mrs. Radel, Proprietress
Russel Block, Lacombe.

Gull Lake Cottages For Rent!

Three cottages to rent for the season at Gull Lake, also two cottages for sale. For particulars address H. Brownlow, Beatty, Alta.

A series of seven line drawings of a man's face, showing a progression of expressions from neutral to smiling. The drawings are connected by a single horizontal line. The first face is neutral. The second face has a slight smile. The third face has a more pronounced smile. The fourth face has a wide smile. The fifth face has a very wide smile, showing teeth. The sixth face has a wide smile, showing teeth. The seventh face has a neutral expression.

Local and General.

I have three houses for rent—Bailey.

The Sterling Brothers, of Boston, were here over Sunday, the guests of D. C. Ebersole's.

We have the goods in the furniture line and the price is right—Bailey.

The Junior Epworth League will give a concert in the church on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at which time the mission boxes will be opened.

Owing to an unfortunate clashing of dates the Easter Monday dance to be held in Day's Hall will begin a little later than had been originally intended. The hall will be cleared for the dance immediately after the play closes.

A social under the auspices of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society will be held at the home of Mrs. D. Cannon, Barnett Avenue, on the evening of Tuesday, April 21st, beginning at half-past seven o'clock. Admission fifteen cents.

A meeting of the farmers and ranchers of this district will be held in Mobley's Hall at 7:30 p.m. Saturday the 25th inst., to consider the advisability of forming a National Farmers Association for the purpose of securing direct markets for the farmers and ranchers' produce.

All farmers and ranchers are cordially invited.

This meeting is called by the directors of the Lacombe Agricultural Society.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

If it is any particular satisfaction to Hotson and his abettors to know that as a result of his cowardly attack in the rear and without warning he succeeded in inflicting upon the Editor the injuries mentioned elsewhere, they are welcome to their feelings of elation so far as we are concerned.

One councillor says that he does not consider the statements made in The Advertiser's report of Hotson's remarks in council re the alley obstructions untrue, yet he considers that it might be read in a way that would make it misleading. But even if this councillor's contention were granted, pray what would it all amount to in comparison with the wholesale misstatements that were continually placed in circulation by the opposition against last year's council? The shoe needs to pinch the other foot now, doesn't it?

Geo. West Hotson seems to think he should be allowed an entire monopoly of calling people liars. Several weeks after we had reported in the council proceedings one of his speeches, he characterized one of our statements, so we were reliably informed, as "a deliberate, malicious and intentional lie." We responded by saying that if our information was correct, councillor Hotson was guilty of prevarication. On last Saturday night Hotson chose, for reasons of his own doubtless, to make this months' old affair an excuse for his cowardly assault upon the Editor.

The Advertiser has never supposed nor intimated that in moving his resolution Hotson was in tending to show any enmity to any church organization. His resolution was a reasonable one. There are street and alley obstructions that should be removed. The paragonable stable is one of them as it stands partly in the alley. It was right and reasonable that it should be mentioned in supporting the resolution. It was perhaps a little remarkable that this chance to be the only obstruction referred

to by Hotson in the way of definite location, but it is nevertheless the fact, and we reported it just as it occurred and just as we would have done for any other councillor had he made the same remarks under similar circumstances. If Hotson or anyone else is reading anything further than this into our report he is going beyond the warrant given by the printed words.

We are not in a position to know to what extent, if any, Mayor Trimble aided or abetted councillor Hotson in planning his dastardly assault on the Editor, but we do contend that Mayor Trimble utterly failed to rise to the dignity of his high office when he permitted this disgraceful conduct to pass unrebuked.

In the first place councillor Hotson had absolutely no right whatever to be catechising the members of the council as he did and had Trimble been a big enough man to fill the mayor's chair he would never for one moment have permitted this breach of the rules of procedure. Had a man like ex-Mayor Burris or ex-Mayor Gounley filled the Mayor's chair the first move toward such an infraction of the rules of procedure would have been promptly squelched.

At the Hotson assault trial on Monday, in the course of a number of insulting remarks which the guilty man was permitted to make, he spoke sincerely of the Editor's new celluloid collar which he had torn off in committing the assault. For the information of the public we might say that if Hotson would pay up his back subscription to The Advertiser and that old advertising account which he has never called to square off, we might have enough money to enable us to wear a "bible" collar just like some who don't pay their taxes. In further justification for wearing a celluloid collar we might intimate that possibly we have not the same line of credit with the Chinamen as the guilty councillor is reputed to have.

Councillor Hotson has intimated that the Editor of The Advertiser was responsible for his defeat in 1906. If so, then our labors in Lacombe have not been in vain; in that for one whole year we saved the town the humiliation of having such a man on the council.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

An adjourned session of the Town Council was held on Tuesday evening. All councillors present. In the absence of the mayor Councillor Vickerson was elected to the chair.

Shortly after the meeting was called to order councillor Hotson offered an apology to the council for the disgrace he had brought upon that body by his conduct at the last session. He then withdrew. The minutes show no record of his apology having been accepted.

Councillor Murphy reported that owing to the absence of the mayor there had been no meeting of the committee re grant for Dominion Fair exhibit, hence could make no report.

Mr. Crow was present on behalf of the Agricultural Society and again urged the council to make a grant for the purpose if at all possible.

Councillor McDonald thought something should be done to help make an exhibit. The opportunity is exceptional and should not be allowed to pass.

Councillor Murphy said that owing to the financial stringency he was not in favor of a grant by the town. He would individually be glad to subscribe to a fund for the purpose but did not feel that it would be right under existing conditions to take it out of the general fund.

The matter was finally left in the hands of the committee.

The read frontage debenture bylaw was read, discussed, given a second and third reading and passed. This bylaw provides for borrowing by debenture \$2,000,000 at 5 1/2 per cent per annum, to be repaid in equal annual instalments of \$105,21, principal and interest.

The bylaw for the purpose of authorizing a debenture to cover the town's portion of the cost of the drain was read, discussed, given a second reading, and ordered published in The Advertiser. It appears elsewhere in this issue and our readers can make themselves acquainted with the provision by reading it.

BYLAW NO.

A bylaw of the Town of Lacombe, in the Province of Alberta, to authorize the issue of a debenture to the amount of \$4,918.00, for the purpose of paying off its share of the cost of a drain on Barnett Avenue in the said Town of Lacombe, according to an assessment made and levied to defray the entire cost of the said improvement, and to provide for the levy and collection of the same, necessary to pay the debenture to be issued for the aforesaid purpose.

Whereas, a covered cement pipe drain has already been constructed on Barnett Avenue in the said Town of Lacombe, extending from its intersection with Stanley Street in the said Town, and thence extending easterly a distance of 284 feet or thereabouts.

And whereas, the share of the cost of the said improvement which the said Municipality ought to bear according to an assessment made and levied under a bylaw of the said Municipality providing therefor, amounts to the sum of \$4,918.00, being more than one-third of the total cost of the said improvement (being the sum of \$7,000.00 or thereabouts) which shall be paid by the Municipality at large.

And whereas it appears that the said share of the total cost of the said improvement charged to the said Municipality, namely the said sum of \$4,918.00, is greater than could properly be paid out of the current revenue of the year in which the said improvement was made, namely the year 1907.

And whereas, the cost of the said improvement has already been met by temporary loans advanced for that purpose,

And whereas, it is desirable that the portion of the cost chargeable to the said Municipality at large should be paid off by the issue and sale of a debenture for the sum first above set forth, and that means be thereby immediately provided for the purpose of liquidating the debt intended to be created by this enactment for paying its said share of the cost of the said improvement and interest thereon at 5 1/2 per cent per annum in 25 equal aggregate yearly instalments of principal and interest,

And whereas, the total amount required to be raised annually, as aforesaid, by special rate for paying off the aforesaid share of cost of the said improvement chargeable to the Municipality as aforesaid is \$366.63.

And whereas, the value of the whole rateable property of the said Municipality according to the last revised assessment roll is \$793,275.00.

And whereas, the annual special rate in the dollar for discharging the instalments of principal and interest on account of the said cost payable by the Municipality at large is 1-25 of 1 cent.

And whereas, the amount of the aforesaid debenture debt is contracted on the credit and security of the Municipality at large.

And whereas, the amount of the present existing debt of the said Municipality is \$12,800.00 exclusive of the debts due for current expenses, no part of which is yet due or in arrears,

And whereas, the probable lifetime of the said improvement has been certified to as being 30 years,

Now therefore, the Municipal Council of the Town of Lacombe in the Province of Alberta, in open council assembled, enacts as follows, that is to say:

That it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor and Secretary-Treasurer of the said Town of Lacombe to borrow on the credit of the aforesaid Municipality, the sum of \$4,918.00 for the purpose of paying off the share of the cost of the said improvement chargeable to the said Municipality, and interest thereon for the period of 25 years from the date hereof at 5 1/2 per centum per annum, and to issue a debenture of the said Municipality for the said sum of \$4,918.00, payment of which is hereby guaranteed by the Municipality at large.

2. That such said debenture shall be payable in 25 equal aggregate yearly sums of \$366.63 each for principal and interest during each of the 25 years following the issue of the said debenture (including the year 1908) and the said debenture shall bear date as of the final passing of this enactment and shall have coupons attached for the payment of the said equal aggregate yearly payments of principal and interest and shall be payable at the Merchants Bank of Canada at the said Town of Lacombe.

3. The said debenture shall be signed by the Mayor and Secretary-Treasurer of the said Municipality and shall have the corporate seal attached thereto, and the said coupons shall also be signed as aforesaid and shall also be dated as above set forth and shall be made payable as aforesaid, in Canadian currency, at the end of each year following the passing of this enactment.

4. That for the purpose of paying the said equal aggregate yearly instalments of principal and interest charged to the portion of the cost of the said improvement to be borne by the Municipality at large as aforesaid, namely the said sum of \$4,918.00, there shall in addition to all other rates and taxes imposed by the said Municipality, during the currency of the debenture herebefore referred to, be imposed a special tax on all the rateable property of the said Municipality, sufficient to produce the said sum of \$366.63 for paying off the annual instalments of principal and interest as aforesaid, and such said sum shall be annually payable, levied and collected at the same time, in the same manner, and also along with all the other taxes of the said Municipality.

5. The said debenture shall be sold and the proceeds thereof applied in paying off the temporary loan incurred in and for the construction of the said improvement and in no other way and for no other purpose.

6. This enactment shall come into force and take effect on the day of the date of the final passing of this enactment.

7. That the votes of the electors duly qualified to vote on this bylaw shall be taken on the 9th day of May, 1908, between the hours of one o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon, at the Town Hall in the Town of Lacombe aforesaid.

8. That T. Clark King, Esquire, shall be the returning officer, and Guy P. Scott, Esquire, shall be the deputy returning officer to take the votes of the said electors as aforesaid.

9. The said returning officer shall attend at the aforesaid Hall at the hour of six o'clock in the afternoon of the said 9th day of May 1908 for the purpose of summing up the votes given for, or against this enactment, and make his declaration accordingly.

Done and passed in open Council this day of 1908.

Mayor.

Secretary-Treasurer.

Read a first and second time this 14th day of April 1908.

NOTICE.

Public Notice is hereby given that the foregoing is a true copy of the proposed bylaw which will be taken into consideration by the Municipal Council of the Town of Lacombe, after having been voted upon by the electors.

That the date of the first publication of the proposed bylaw is the 16th day of April A. D. 1908, in the Lacombe Advertiser, a weekly newspaper printed and published at the said Town of Lacombe, and that the votes of the electors of the aforesaid Town of Lacombe will be taken upon the said proposed bylaw on Saturday the 9th of May at 9 o'clock a.m. at the Council Chamber in the said Town of Lacombe.

T. CLARK KING.

Secretary-Treasurer.

Patrick A. Lacombe on Wed. April 15, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Patrick, a daughter.

Blackfalds.

John and James Shular are renewing acquaintances in this locality.

Mayor Cameron, of Calgary, paid the town a visit one day last week. Messrs. Seales and Atwood have sold one hundred head of prime beef cattle to a firm in Calgary. The same are to be delivered in three lots, the first of which passed through town for Lacombe on Friday last.

The village council has decided to install a set of weighing scales on Railway near the stockyards for the convenience of the shipping public.

The 24th of May will be celebrated in the usual loyal style. The matter is already under discussion and a programme better than ever may be looked for.

Spring Valley.

Farmers have commenced seedling operations. W. H. Wilkins sold his home-land in Pleasant Valley for the magnificent sum of \$900.

The Ladies' Aid Society met at Mrs. Thompson's and we presume a pleasant time was had. W. A. Roe made a business trip to Stettler on Tuesday.

Engineer Castleman left for Lacombe on the 10th.

The last footshake of the season was pulled off on Friday night.

Fall wheat wintered in good shape.

Our rate of taxation this year is five and a half cents per acre with a liberal discount if taxes are paid promptly.

There is a large supply of logs at the sawmill—enough to keep Drew busy for several months.

The roads are almost unfathomable in some places.

The lowest tender for stove wood for the school was \$2.50 per cord.

The man that is making money hauling wood to the brick yard at \$2.50 per cord has not yet been heard from.

The acreage seeded this spring will be below the average on account of the high price and scarcity of seed.

Bert Roe left for Edmonton where he expects to work at his trade.

There is service at the school house every Sunday morning.

A young people's bible class has been organized here with Mrs. Reinforth as president. Meetings are held fortnightly and we expect a great deal of good will be accomplished. At next meeting on the 26th inst. the subject of temperance will be discussed.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of Frederick Henry, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to an order by the Honourable Joseph E. Noy, Justice of the District Court of the District of Wetaskiwin, made herein the 13th day of April, 1908, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of Frederick Henry, late of near Valley City in the Province of Alberta, who died on or about the twenty-fifth day of January, 1908, are required to send in their said claims together with a statement of the securities (if any) held by them duly verified by a statutory declaration, to the undersigned at Valley City on or before the last day of June, A. D. 1908, and that after the said date the undersigned Executors of the said estate will be at liberty to proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased or any part thereof amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which the said Executors shall then have notice and shall not be liable for the assets of the said estate or any part thereof so distributed to any person, of whose claims the said Executors shall not have had notice at the time of the distribution of the said assets or any part thereof as aforesaid.

Dated at Valley City this 6th day of April, 1908.

C. F. THOMPSON.

Strawberry Plants For Sale

The undersigned is offering imported plants of the leading varieties for the west. These plants are grown and shipped by an expert and should arrive in good condition. Price \$3.50 per hundred and up according to variety.

GEO. HUTTON SR.

Lacombe

Parties wanting plants should place their orders at once.

FRANK VICKERSON

Financial Agent Money to Loan

Lacombe : Alberta

FOR SALE.

I have 12 yearling heifers for sale, or will trade for steers.

JAS. RAUS.

Sec. 29-41-28, W. 4. Lacombe P. O.

Horse for Sale

Sorrel mare 10 years old, in foal, weight about 1200, drive single or double. \$125.

W. B. PENNINGTON.

5 miles east of Morningside.

Hospital Fund.

Lacombe, April 2.
Total cash on hand.....\$1063.25
Amount paid for hospital site.....311.40
Total contributions to date.....\$1374.75

OPERA HOUSE, LACOMBE, ONE NIGHT Monday, April 20

No Mother to Guide Her

An Interesting Novelty.

Clean, Pure, Moral. Largest, Grandest, Most Expensive and Complete Melo-Drama before the Public. Every Woman Should See This Play!

Miss Jeanette Carew As "Bunco"

All Special Scenery & Lots of Specialties

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Prices: \$1.00 - 75 - 50 - 25.

Money to Loan at 8 per cent.

Money to loan on first class farm security at 8 per cent. School debentures purchased. For further particulars apply to the

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Choice beef, pork, sausages and fish. Telephone orders will receive careful attention.

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